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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Page 2 of the Specification has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

This Application relates to a switch for applying operating power to a peripheral device, in which a switch senses data signals on a data bus.

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the invention.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6, under 35 USC 102, as anticipated by US 6,463,543 to Alvarez. Alvarez relates to a serial bus communication system in which remote receiver modules are centrally controlled by a wakeup signal sent over a bus by a central controller.

Nowhere does Alvarez show or suggest:

"the switch including a circuit for sensing *data* signals on said data bus and providing an indication of sensed data signals to said peripheral device power source to apply power to said peripheral device in response to said sensed data signals",

as specifically set forth in Claim 1 as amended. Rather, Alvarez senses a wakeup signal sent over bus 14 by central controller 10. The wakeup signal sent over bus 14 by central controller 10 is not a *data* signal, as recited in Claim 1 as amended. Rather, it is a control signal, which has a duration of approximately one second. See column 3, lines 41-43. The instant invention does not require a control signal. Rather, control of power to a peripheral device is determined by sensing *data* signals on the bus. It is therefore clear that the patentability of Claim 1 is not affected by Alvarez.

Basis for the recitation in Claim 1 of "data signals" is found on page 3, lines 28 and 29, of the instant Specification.

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Claims 2-8 are dependent from Claim 1 and add further advantageous features. The Applicant submits that these subclaims are patentable as their parent Claim 1.

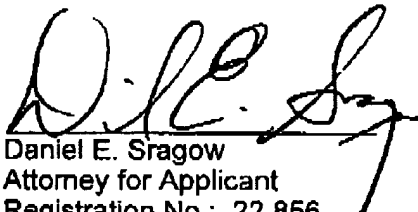
The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8. With this amendment, the Applicant submits that the other Claims are allowable as well.

The Applicant believes that no fee is due, in addition to the fee for an extension of the time for reply. However, if any other fee is due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

The Applicant submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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